

**“The Seafarer,”** translated by Burton Raffel  
**“The Wanderer,”** translated by Charles Kennedy  
**“The Wife’s Lament,”** translated by Ann Stanford  
**Vocabulary Builder**

**Using the Suffix -ness**

**A. DIRECTIONS:** Answer each of the following questions, changing the underlined word to a word with the suffix -ness.

1. Why did she think the cake was too sweet? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How did the bright light affect you? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Did you think Ryan was eager enough to convince Mrs. Malone that he should be in the band? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What do you think the teacher thought when Alan was so helpful on Thursday?  
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**Using the Word List**

admonish	rapture	compassionate	fervent	blithe
rancor	sentinel	redress	grievous	winsomeness

**B. DIRECTIONS:** On the line, write the letter of the definition for each word in the right column.

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| <p>___ 1. fervent</p> <p>___ 2. compassionate</p> <p>___ 3. sentinel</p> <p>___ 4. admonish</p> <p>___ 5. grievous</p> <p>___ 6. rancor</p> <p>___ 7. redress</p> <p>___ 8. blithe</p> <p>___ 9. rapture</p> <p>___ 10. winsomeness</p> | <p>A. ill-will</p> <p>B. advise; caution</p> <p>C. expression of joy</p> <p>D. someone who guards</p> <p>E. cheerful</p> <p>F. having great feeling</p> <p>G. sympathizing; pitying</p> <p>H. causing sorrow; hard to bear</p> <p>I. compensation, as for a wrong</p> <p>J. charm; appeal</p> |
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**C. DIRECTIONS:** Circle the letter of the word that best completes each sentence.

1. James was kind and caring; he was a \_\_\_\_\_ person.  
 A. flippant                      B. apathetic                      C. blithe                      D. compassionate
2. It was the queen’s \_\_\_\_\_ hope that her subjects respected her just rule.  
 A. grievous                      B. fervent                      C. blithe                      D. important
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ kept watch over the sleeping troops.  
 A. elegy                      B. sentinel                      C. tradition                      D. exile